

You're Invited To Fireside Dining In An Outback Pub - Just 1,089km From Home!

To My Dear Wife and Fellow Adventurer,

For nearly 15 years, you and I have daydreamed about packing our swags into the 4WD and heading outback, to follow the famous Darling River. From Bourke to Wentworth.... nearly 900km of outback heaven. Well, daydream no more - **now we're going to do it!**

And what better way to celebrate the “halfway” point on our journey than dinner for two at iconic Tilpa Pub? Right on the banks of the Darling River!

Tilpa Pub is an outback dining experience *dripping* with ambience: Simple, hearty, home-style meals.... memorabilia of the days when paddle steamers plied their trade on the river.... 100 year-old photographs, showing a time when a horse and sulky was your “car” and huge teams of bullocks were “trucks”.... Friendly local characters holding up the bar, telling “tall tales and true” to anyone who'll listen.... extraordinary aerial photographs of tiny Tilpa township surrounded by an inland sea of floodwaters, stretching over 50 km East and West.... a comprehensive collection of Aboriginal tools and hunting weapons....

.... All under the tin roof of Tilpa Pub! If the open fire blazing away in the stone hearth doesn't keep you warm.... then the warm, friendly atmosphere surely will!

Simple, hearty, home-cooked meals – so typical of the Outback – will fill our stomachs and the delightful atmosphere will fill our heads with unforgettable memories. As Margaret W says (emphasis mine), “Thank you Tilpa Hotel for making us feel so welcome and for the great time... **The outback has an honest soul, and what you see is what you get.** The pub food was good, the service was good, the atmosphere was good (5 stars).”



The tradition of paying a small donation towards the Royal Flying Doctor Service in return for being able to sign your name on the walls – or the roof if you can reach it – gives this remote outpost in Western New South Wales a tangible connection to the outside world. Backpackers from all corners of the globe have reputedly made their mark on the walls of Tilpa Pub. As P & K Graham testify, "... The place is covered with heaps of Australian humour. A good relaxing couple of hours were spent looking at the photos, signatures and bawdy jokes. A great break whilst travelling".

It's time to add our names!

And while we're there, we can.... take the shortest Heritage Walk in Australia – two small signs on opposite sides of the only street in Tilpa....
AND visit the historic cemetery – the only one in Australia in which no-one is buried!!

No more daydreaming, it's time to cross this off our bucket list. I've cleared away all work commitments for next month so it's **NOW OR NEVER!**

You and I have a date at Tilpa Pub Saturday 14th May (give or take a couple of days due to our meandering style of travel). We leave on May 1st – I'll meet you at the front door....